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Ruth Y. Goldway  
Chairman  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

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Dear Chairman Goldway:

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to close the Elwell, Michigan post office and consolidate mail with the Riverdale, Michigan post office.

The attached list containing signatures of customers served by the Elwell, Michigan facility do not feel that the alternate service offered by the Postal Service is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to in accordance with federal law.

We do not believe closing our post office and providing delivery and retail service by a carrier meets the requirements of the above mentioned rule. It is very inconvenient for customers to purchase money orders/stamps and sending/receiving accountable mail such as registered and certified mail. We are also concerned with vandalism, theft of our mail, and identity theft.

Many of our residents are elderly and do not drive or have internet or electronic banking access. The elderly will be hit hardest by this decision because our postmaster assists them in meeting their obligations.

Our post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning. We understand the post office is having financial issues but isn't it against the law to close a post office just to save money? Wouldn't it make more sense to close on Saturdays or Saturdays and Wednesdays to save money. Doesn't it make more sense to try a new plan and cut cost before eliminating jobs all together? How can our federal government spend billions on creating jobs while at the same time another branch eliminates vital jobs in small towns?

Both my mother and mother-in-law retired from the USPS and were proud to serve their community. In our community we also have three retired Postmasters and a few retired carriers. Rural America is just as important as urban America. A post office in urban America may be a luxury or a convenience but in rural America a post office is a necessity and we are proud to see our flag flying over our post office everyday!

Sincerely,



Patricia Walsh Mallory

POOM  
DOUG LOVETT  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
4800 COLLIN ROAD  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48924

We, the citizens and customers of Elwell, Michigan, 48832, United States Post Office, hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at a minimum, at its' present status a United States Post Office, Level 13; operated by a postmaster and career postal employees with a box section and rural routes.

The building that currently houses the Elwell Post Office is of adequate size and has had recent updates both by the leaseholder and by the United States Postal Service. The building is easily accessible by both automobiles and postal vehicles. The facility is very accommodating to the handicapped or physically challenged as well.

Sincerely,  
Customers of the Elwell, Michigan, 48832, United States Post Office

DATE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
9-13-11	Brandi Lombard	Brandi Lombard	
9-15-11	Craig Munger	Craig Munger	
9-15-11	Keith Bigelow	KEITH BIGELOW	
9-15-11	Bobbi Shaul	Bobbi Shaul	
9-15-11	Cody Ordway	Cody Ordway	
9-15-11	Shed Parks	Shed Parks	
9-16-11	Pat Knopf	PAT Knopf	
9-17-11	Dave Seeler	Dave Seeler	
9-19-11	Sara C. Villalobos	Sara C. Villalobos	
9-19-11	Kody Gee	Kody Gee	
9-20-11	Mike Bunting	Mike Bunting	
9-21-11	Douglas Davis	DOUGLAS Davis	
9-21-11	Betty Brandal	Betty Brandal	
9-21-11	Kevin Brandal	Kevin Brandal	
9-21-11	JD Leonard	JD Leonard	
9-21-11	Larry Hamp	LARRY HAMP	
9-21-11	Bob Gibson	Bob Gibson	
9-21-11	Jennifer Fenton	Jennifer Fenton	
9-22-11	Patricia Greuca	PATRICIA Greuca	
9-22-11	David Markham	David Markham	

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DATE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
9-23-11	Elizabeth J. Pyle	Elizabeth J. Pyle	
9-23-11	Ken Kovach	Ken Kovach	
9-25-11	Jarrett Garcia	Jarrett Garcia	
9-26-11	Denise Welch	Denise Welch	
9-26-11	Mark H. Kenine	Mark H. Kenine	
9/26-11	William Leifer	William Leifer	
9-26-11	Dennis Lott	DENNIS Lott	
9-26-11	Jessica Lemert	Jessica Lemert	
9-26-11	Chesney Anderson	Chesney Anderson	
9-26-11	Chesney Anderson	Chesney Anderson	
9-28-11	John W. Bunce	John W. Bunce	
9-28-11	Nicole Detzler	Nicole Detzler	
9/29/11	Spencer Drake	Spencer Drake	
9/29/11	Scott Apple	Scott Apple	
9/29/11	Lori Apple	Lori Apple	
9/29/11	Patricia Mallory	Patricia Mallory	
9/30/11	JAN DANAHAN	JAN DANAHAN	
9-30-11	Teresa Penner	Teresa Penner	
9-30-11	Rich Rademacher	Rich Rademacher	

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DATE	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
9-30-11	<i>Matt Makenna</i>	Matt Makenna	
09-30-11	<i>Josh Sutherland</i>	Josh Sutherland	
9-30-11	<i>GARY MORGAN</i>	GARY MORGAN	
9-30-11	<i>Danielle Stuebel</i>	Danielle Stuebel	
9-30-11	<i>Kelli Howell</i>	Kelli Howell	
10-1-11	<i>Jeff Pinter</i>	Jeff Pinter	
10-1-11	<i>DelRay Tree</i>	DelRay Tree	
10-1-11	<i>Randy Tree</i>	Randy TREE	
10-1-11	<i>Lester Van Horn</i>	LESTER VAN HORN	
10-2-11	<i>Diane Malek</i>	Diane Malek	
10-2-11	<i>Jonathan Olowski</i>	Jonathan Olowski	
10-3-11	<i>Elizabeth Pyle</i>	ELIZABETH PYLE	
10-3-11	<i>Mabel Nelson</i>	mabel nelson	
10-3-11	<i>Clinton Nelson</i>	Clinton Nelson	
10-3-11	<i>Doris Scott</i>	DORIS SCOTT	
10-3-11	<i>Brandon Fetzner</i>	Brandon Fetzner	
10-4-11	<i>Paul Kademacher</i>	PAUL KADEMACHER	
10-4-11	<i>Chelsey Peterson</i>	Chelsey Peterson	
10-4-11	<i>James Kortz</i>	James Kortz	
10-9-12	<i>Rodney T. Papp</i>	RODNEY T. PAPP	

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10-14-2011	Carole J. Moore	Carole J. Moore	
10-14-2011	James R. Moore	JAMES R. MOORE	
10-14-2011	Dewise L. Wise	DEWISE L. WISE	
10-14-2011	Hope Ostrander	HOPE OSTRANDER	
10-14-2011	LD L. L. L.	LD L. L. L.	
10-14-2011	Mary Ann Hale	MARY ANN HALE	
10-14-2011	Irving S. Hale	IRVING HALE	
10-15-2011	Janet Flegel	Janet Flegel	
10-22-2011	Jane Lemasters	Jane Lemasters	
10-29-2011	Peggy Barr	PEGGY BARR	
10/29/11	Kathy Barr	Kathy Barr	
10/29/11	Nicole Detzler	Nicole Detzler	
10/29/11	Kim Whitney	KIM WHITNEY	
10-29-11	Francesca Kovach	FRANCESKA KOVACH	
10/29/11	Stacy Foster	STACY FOSTER	
10-29-11	John H. Foster III	John H. Foster III	
10-30-11	Travis Mallory	Travis Mallory	
10-30-11	Rick Mallory	Rick Mallory	
10-30-11	Rachel Mallory	Rachel Mallory	